



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information Is In Blue

Event Name	20-0012 Hurricane Hanna (EM-3530)
Date	August, 8 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	August 7 to August 8, 2020
Report Number	16

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	3
DDCs Active	DDC's 20 & 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Local jurisdictions with the assistance of State and Federal partners and the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) continue with damage assessments and recovery efforts.

Weather: The NWS Brownsville Office continues to update their reports about Hurricane Hanna to their website: https://www.weather.gov/bro/2020event_Hanna.

On August 3, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval to automatically provide replacement benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients for food lost or destroyed due to Hurricane Hanna in six of the impacted counties: Brooks, Hidalgo, Kenedy, McMullen, Starr and Willacy. Those six counties met federal criteria for mass replacements of benefits based on the severity of storm impacts in their area.

To allow people to continue social distancing and staying home, HHSC is encouraging SNAP clients to request their replacement food benefits by calling 2-1-1 and pressing option 2. Alternately, recipients can download [Form H1855](#) (Affidavit for Non-receipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits) on the HHSC website. To limit exposure to COVID-19, recipients are encouraged to mail or fax the completed form to HHSC instead of visiting their local offices. Completed forms should be mailed to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 149027, Austin, TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 1-877-447-2839. For more information, please visit hhs.texas.gov.

On July 28, Governor Abbott visited Corpus Christi to meet with local officials and survey storm damage left by Hurricane Hanna over the weekend. The Governor thanked officials for their leadership during these difficult times and reaffirmed the Lone Star State's commitment to

helping the victims of Hurricane Hanna. Governor Abbott was joined by Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd.

Home and business owners who faced damage as a result of Hurricane Hanna are encouraged to submit a damage survey, which will allow TDEM to request more resources and volunteers into the area to help.

Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations related to commercial trucking in the state of Texas. These suspensions will allow commercial drivers to more quickly deliver supplies, specifically electric power poles, to communities in the Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend that were directly impacted by Hurricane Hanna.

On July 26, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and President Trump have granted a Federal Emergency Declaration (EM-3530) request for Public Assistance Category B (Emergency Protective Measures). Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support at 75 percent federal funding.

On July 25, Governor Abbott held a press conference at the Alternate State Operations Center in Austin where he provided an update on the state's response to Hurricane Hanna.

The Governor issued the disaster declaration for Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata counties. The declaration provides the Governor, the ability to waive statutes or administrative rules that may hinder the response or recovery, as well as the ability to ask for federal assistance in response to Hurricane Hanna.

For more flood safety tips, [visit ready.gov](https://ready.gov).

[View the Governor's Disaster Declaration](#)

[View the Federal Emergency Declaration Request](#)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

AEP will be conducting repairs on a major transmission line August 1-14 in Edinburg. Twenty-seven State pumps are located across the area in the following locations: 7 in Cameron County,

10 in Hidalgo County (including 2 in Edinburg, 1 in Mercedes & 1 being used by TxDOT in a rural area), 3 in Willacy County. 6 pumps are in reserve at the TxDOT yard in Pharr (Hidalgo Co).

Cameron County: De-watering operations continue with 18 local pumps in 8 different locations supplemented with 7 State pumps. Vector control continues throughout the county, using larvacide and adulticide. Texas VOAD and state partners continue to address and service any necessary disaster relief needs for affected customers and/or businesses. Emergency Management continues daily conference calls with partners to address any pending needs.

Hidalgo County: De-watering operations continue with 11 State pumps supplementing local pumps.

Willacy County: De-watering operations continue with 3 State pumps supplementing local pump operations.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Texas A&M University System (TAMUS): The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with unmet needs and resources.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): The TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force has three members deployed to DDC-21 Weslaco to assist with damage assessments, volunteer and donations management, and Long Term Recovery Group engagement.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC maintained situational awareness of potential flooding and severe weather impacts from Hurricane Hanna. The TAHC was virtually activated for SOC weather calls and coordinated with TAHC Regional Offices for anticipated support of local jurisdictions. No assistance was needed pre-landfall. Post-landfall, TAHC inspectors conducted Animal Needs Assessments.

Mission Information and Details:

- SOC Representative virtually monitoring situation, calls, WebEOC
- TAHC Regional staff maintaining situational awareness and contact with local jurisdictions for support of animal issues/Animal Issues Committees
- Responded to request to assist local American Red Cross representative with finding temporary shelter for several companion animals. Owners in transitional housing could not keep them at the time.
- Responded to local request in Cameron County to assist with moving 4 head of cattle stranded in a field for several days. Regional Office worked with TDEM DDEOC to assist in this request.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 11 personnel committed, providing planning and logistical support to TDEM.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ staff completed the calls to the public drinking water systems (PWS) and wastewater treatment facilities located in Nueces, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, and Starr Counties.

Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS):

As of August 6, the TCEQ Harlingen Regional Office received applications for ten TDMS, seven of these applications were authorized (via on-site visits and virtual site reviews) as follows:

- City of Mission - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 2 Lopezville Park – Authorized July 30.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Donna Collection Site - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Mercedes Collection Site - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 4 M Road Recovery Center - Authorized July 31.
- City of Raymondville- Authorized August 6, 2020
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Sunset Park Citizens Collection Station – Authorized August 3.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Monte Alto Collection Site
- Willacy Co. Pct. 4 Sebastian Transfer Station Site
- City of Harlingen District Main Pumping Plant Site

The TCEQ Hurricane Hanna website is now live at
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hanna>

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD is supporting DDC-21 with 48 personnel, 5 high profile vehicles, shelter teams and a Military District Coordinator.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD): TPWD LE continues to man its disaster district chairperson seat at DDC 21 Weslaco. TPWD's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team is assisting DDC 20 with debris documentation along the Kleberg County shoreline to identify debris hazards in the water. Also documented the navigational channel markers that may have been displaced during Hurricane Hanna.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)

2-1-1: 2-1-1 is requesting partner agencies add all public-facing services and operations (feeding sites, hygiene kits, cleaning kits) to the 2-1-1 website or email Melissa.Korpi@hhsc.state.tx.us (Interim Disaster Coordinator for 2-1-1)

American Red Cross (ARC)

- August 7, overnight ARC had four non-congregate shelters in operation: Brownsville (population 6), Corpus Christi (population 14) and Weslaco (population 53)
- Focusing volunteers on mass care needs and utilizing the disaster survivor information collected through TDEM
- Regardless of whether a household qualifies for financial assistance, other forms of Red Cross support may be available for everyone affected. This support includes food, health and mental health support, spiritual care and more. Call 2-1-1, visit www.211texas.org or

visit <https://redcrossdisasterresources.auntbertha.com/> to learn about other resources that may be available.

Feeding Texas: The following 2 Members of Feeding Texas are responding to Hurricane Hanna:

Coastal Bend Food Bank: All agencies are operational.

Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley:

- Pounds distributed so far for Hurricane Hanna relief = 610,653
- Disaster Partner Agencies opened in Edinburg and Monte Alto
- An emergency produce distribution was done in the City of Lasara.

South Texas Food Bank

- South Texas Food Bank is assisting Starr County officials and VOAD.
- Coordinating with the County Judge to provide food water and volunteers where needed.
- Coordinating volunteer management and assisting the Feeding Taskforce with information regarding feeding needs in the valley.

Houston Community ToolBank: The Houston Community ToolBank is on standby and ready to support any organization who needs tools for muck and gutting, debris removal or any other efforts in response to Hurricane Hanna. We are lending tools for free. Here is a link to our inventory: www.houstontoolbank.org. We also have utility trailers, dump trailers and enclosed trailers available for free. Muck-Out kits and hand-washing stations are available in addition to standard resources.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC)

- 1 Quick Response Feeding Unit in Hidalgo County (McAllen)
- 1 Team and Mobile Command Post
- 1 Pickup Truck
- 2 Recovery Teams
- 1 55 KW generator
- 1 Shower and laundry Unit
- Toll free number for survivors needing help with chainsaw or mud-out: 855.728.2374.
- 28 Volunteers, 6,173 Meals Prepared, 3,000 Volunteer Hours

United Methodist Church – Rio Texas Conference

- 700 flood buckets delivered to First UMC in Mission, TX
- UMC has minimal tarps, 300 flood buckets, and 2 generators available for VOAD member partners

Texas Baptist Men (TBM) Disaster Relief: TBM continue to respond with Assessors, Chaplains, chainsaw teams and flood recovery teams. A shower/laundry unit, feeding team and Incident Command Team (IMT) have been deployed to support the volunteers. The IMT and volunteers are housed at the First Baptist Church in Weslaco (Hidalgo County). All teams are observing State rules and regulations regarding COVID-19 including social distancing.

As of August 6, 2020, Totals: 247 volunteer days, 2,123 volunteer hours, 645 total meals prepared, 82 showers provided, 65 laundry loads completed, 55 work requests received, 29

work requests remaining, 41 assessments completed, 27 assessments remaining, 13 chainsaw jobs completed, 11 chainsaw jobs remaining, 12 flood recovery jobs completed, and 18 flood recovery jobs remaining.

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA continues to engage and coordinate with local and state Emergency Management, The Disaster Recovery Task Force, Texas Feeding Task Force and other partner agencies as response moves into recovery. To date: meals served 26,060, snacks & drinks 15,511, Food Boxes 1800, Clean-up Kits 800.


Mission Information and Details:

- All TSA divisional units have been released.
- TSA of McAllen continues to provide hot “grab and go” meals at 1600 N. 213rd Street, McAllen. Lunch 12-1, dinner 4-5
- TSA of McAllen will continue to work with local partners to distribute food boxes, clean up kits, hygiene kits and other relief items as resources are available.
- In partnership with The American Red Cross, we have provided beds to 36 survivors
- In partnership with Southern Baptist Texas Convention, we have provided 2 pallets of tarps for their clean-up efforts.

If you sustained damage, to your home or business, as a result of Hurricane Hanna, please utilize the link below to submit a damage survey. Within the survey, disaster survivors will have the opportunity request assistance from VOAD's. This information, will facilitate us requesting additional resources and volunteers into the area affected. <https://arcg.is/0C8GSj>

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STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

HIGH-PROFILE

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Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM TAMUS	Alamo Area Regional Command – Evacuee Shelter Reception Center	12	30	Activated	Lower Rio Grande Valley
TDEM TAMUS	Sanitation Packages			Available	SOC

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TDEM TAMUS	TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force	3		Assigned	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	ESF4 Rep	1		Assigned	Austin SOC
Texas A&M TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
Texas A&M TFS	IMT	4		Assigned	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	Resource Tracking Team	3		Assigned	DDC 21
TMD	GTCHQ	10	2	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Shelter Operations Team (SOT)	10		Assigned	Edcouch
TMD	SOT	11		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	SOT	2		Assigned	La Feria
TMD	Shelter Operations HQ	2		Assigned	RGV
TMD	POD	12	3	Assigned	Raymondville
TMD	MDC	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TPWD	SOC LNO	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	DDC 21 Liaison	1	1	Assigned	DDC 21 EOC
TPWD	UAS (Drones)	3	3	Activated	Kleberg

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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